

## **West Virginia Senate**

## **Committee on Interstate Cooperation**

Minutes for March 10, 2021, 8:39 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Interstate Cooperation met on March 10, 2021, 8:39 AM in Room 451-M.

Members present: Senators Woodrum, Stover, Maynard, Romano

Members absent: Senators Martin, Trump, Ihlenfeld

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

Chair Woodrum opened the meeting by introducing committee staff; RF Stein, Committee Counsel, Tina Burs, Committee Clerk and Kay-Leigh Byrd, his administrative assistant. Chair Woodrum then recognized Vice Chair Stover for the purpose of making organizational motions.

Vice Chair Stover moved that rules of the Senate be adopted to govern the committee in its deliberations. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted.

Vice Chair Stover moved that the Chair be authorized to set an agenda of items to be considered by the committee. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted.

Vice Chair Stover moved that the staff be authorized as needed, to make any technical corrections to the bills, resolutions, and drafts which may be brought before the committee. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted.

Vice Chair Stover moved that counsel be authorized to incorporate all bills, or resolutions, as well as any necessary technical changes, into a committee substitute for the bill, or resolution, after the bill, or resolution, has been presented to the committee and the committee has voted to report the bill, or resolution, and to report such committee substitute in lieu of the bill or resolution. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted.

Vice Chair Stover moved that any witness appearing before the committee, with the exception of Senate staff and elected officials, be administered the oath authorized by Senate Rule 28a. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted.

Vice Chair Stover moved that members who are physically present in their Capitol offices may participate remotely in committee meetings and hearings as though they were physically present, that the Chair be allowed to provide for simultaneous video and audio participation by committee members during such meetings, that members so attending be counted as present in determining a quorum, and that such members vote on every question pursuant to Senate Rule 43. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted.

Chair Woodrum informed those present of the procedures the committee will be following, during the pandemic. They were as follows:

- Please do wear your mask appropriately and distance as best as possible while attending committee meetings in person.
- For those members choosing to attend our meetings remotely, please let our Clerk know.
- Our Clerk will use Microsoft Teams for our meetings. However, please do not use Teams if you are attending a meeting in person.
- If you have anyone wishing to speak for or against a particular bill on the agenda, please let our Clerk know in advance. She will need the speaker's full name, email address, and telephone number and such individuals must be able to use Microsoft Teams if participating remotely.
- The Senate Clerk limited attendance of visitors in this committee room to ten individuals.
  That number excludes members and staff. Preference will be given to those individuals who were invited to speak or have an interest in a bill that is on the agenda.

On Motion of Senator Stover the committee adjourned.

Jack Woodrum

Committee Chair

Tina Burs

Committee Clerk